

# **State Report, CRTAC**

**January 22, 2009**

# **STCC Appointments- 3 year terms**

- **Lauri Jackson, TC, Benefis- CRTAC**
- **Justin Grohs, GFES, Great Falls- Private Ambulance Operators**
- **Jennifer Theusen, TC, Polson- WRTAC**
- **Fred Bartoletti, TMD, Anaconda- MMA**
- **Andrew Michel, TMD, Helena- ACEP**
- **Joe Hansen, Big Timber- ERTAC reappointed**
- **Brad Vonbergen, TC, Billings Clinic- ERTAC**

# **State Trauma Care Committee**

**2009**

**2/9/09**

**TR 2/10/09**

**5/11/09**

**TR 5/12/09**

**8/10/09**

**11/02/09**

# 2009 ATLS

<b>March 6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Great Falls</b>
<b>April 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Billings</b>
<b>June 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Missoula</b>
<b>October 9 &amp; 10</b>	<b>Missoula</b>
<b>November 6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Billings</b>

**PLUS**

**ATLS Instructor 5/ 2/09**  
**Billings**



# **Designation/Verification**

**Bozeman Deaconess Hospital;  
ACS Level III/MT Area Trauma  
Hospital**

**Community Medical Center,  
Missoula; ACS Level III/MT Area  
Trauma Hospital**

# **MT Designation**

**Liberty County Hospital, Chester**

**MTRF**

**CRTAC facilities to be scheduled:**

**Pondera Medical Center, Conrad**

**MTRF**

**Marias Medical Center, Shelby**

**MTRF**

# Montana Designation

**19 facilities**

now **designated** as

**Montana**

**Trauma Facilities!!!**



# **Education/Meetings**

- **Trauma Coordinator meeting 2/10/09,  
Helena            Telemed available**
- **MT/WY Trauma Coordinator meeting  
5/12/09- probably Cody, WY**
- **Montana Trauma System Conference,  
9/16/09- Red Lodge**
- **Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma  
Symposium 9/17-18, 2009 Red Lodge:  
ERTAC hosting**



# **Education/Meetings**

**Rimrock Trauma Conference**

**5/14/09, Billings**

**Trauma Solutions: Conference for  
Midlevel Practitioners**

**5/29/09, Missoula**

**Spring Fever Trauma Conference**

**5/30/09, Missoula**

# **TEAM**

- **Courses progressing in WRTAC/ERTAC**
- **Physician participation still challenging**
- **STCC & RTACs discussing options of utilizing experienced Midlevels to provide physician-presented content**

# **Montana Health Research and Education Foundation**

**MHREF Rural Flexibility grant funds  
available to;**

**1)Support 2 TEAM Courses for CAHs  
per Trauma Region**

**2) ATLS Tuition Scholarships for 2  
MDs/2 Midlevels from CAHs  
per Trauma Region**

**3) TNCC scholarships for 20 CAH RNs  
divided into Trauma Regions**

# **Hospital Preparedness**

- **56 hospitals participated in Hospital Preparedness Program!**
- **820 volunteers in MHMAS Registry**
- **Anniston Courses;**
  - Healthcare Leadership- 123**
  - Hospital Emergency Response Team- 36**
  - WMD/EMS (HOT course)- 37**
  - Pandemic Flu Planning- 44**

# **ASPR Grant Funding**

**Pursue trauma designation or support if recently achieved;**

- The Trauma system model maximizes processes for effectively managing resource-intensive patients in resource-poor environments**
- Trauma designation and continued participation in the trauma system provides hospitals with essential tools for organizing limited essential resources, improving care and expanding capability.**

# **Grant Deliverables**

- **Pursue Trauma designation:**
  - **Identification of the Trauma Team members with implementation of a written activation criteria**
  - **Integration of trauma program processes with NIMS-compliant Emergency Operations Plans**

# **Grant Deliverables**

- **Mass Fatality Management Plan**
- **Medical Evacuation/Shelter In Place Plan**
- **Integrated NIMS compliance**
- **Trauma Centers:**
  - If designation well-established, support community planning activities around Pan Flu and preparedness**



# **Systems Issues**

## **Pediatric Neurosurgery**

- **Need facility assistance w/identifying issues related to availability of neurosurgery for pediatric patients**
- **If unavailable, need Regional/local plan to expedite appropriate transfers: all three regions**
- **All trauma regions looking at prevalence and alternate local plans**

# **Systems Issues**

## **MT Air Medical Issues**

### **NTSB 3-day hearing 2/3/09**

#### **“Most Wanted List”**

- **Transportation Safety Improvements**
- **Actions Needed by Federal Agencies**

#### **The Federal Aviation Administration should:**

#### **Improve Safety of Emergency Medical Services Flights;**

- **Conduct all flights with medical personnel on board in accordance with commuter aircraft regulations.**
- **Develop and implement flight risk evaluation programs.**
- **Require formalized dispatch and flight-following procedures including up-to-date weather information.**
- **Install terrain awareness and warning systems on aircraft.**

# **Systems Issues**

- **Quantifying System measurable “value”- use data, but data alone**
- **“Know” Trauma System & Designation improves care: How? What?**
- **Must show the difference that’s made to generate support**
- **National issue**
- **NEXT Legislature (2011)  
Additional Trauma Systems funding**

# **RTAC Issues**

- **ERTAC;**  
**Billings Level II facilities defining mutual “Diversion” language to better serve regional patient needs**

**Pediatric neurosurgery availability**

**Regional PI: Pediatric GCS**

**EMS Trip Reports**

# **RTAC Issues**

## **WRTAC**

**Need new WRTAC chair,**

**Nsg Ed: Coordinating care ED through ICU/Floor; how to obtain what patient needs when contacting MD**

- RTAC recommendation: All intubated trauma patients have in-line CO2 detectors utilized when device available**
- Pediatric neurosurgery availability**

# **When you call MD.....**

- Objective clinical data**
- Your “gut” feeling**
- What are you worried about?**
- What do you think needs to be done?**
  
- Remember you ALWAYS have additional resources to utilize: other staff, Charge RN, House supervisor, other MD: be sure additional assistance mechanisms are in place & all understand**

# Legislation

Legislature 1/5/09-4/25/09

- [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/laws09/law0203w\\$.startup](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/laws09/law0203w$.startup)
- To: “Look up Bill Information”  
To: “Preference List Searching”  
Logon ID – EMSTS  
Password – EMSTS2009  
Preference List – EMS Live